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SUBJECT: TITLE I AND TITLE III PROGRAMS IN EGYPT

1. ON 2/23/78, GEORGE POPE/OGSM, AGATTACHE AND AID PROGRAM OFFICER MET WITH OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF SUPPLY (DARWISH AND EL DAKKAK) TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SUBJECT PROGRAMS. U.S. OFFICERS POINTED OUT THAT MINSUPPLY WAS PRESSING FOR PURCHASE AUTHORIZATIONS COVERING BALANCE OF WHEAT AVAILABLE UNDER FY-1978 TITLE I PROGRAM WHILE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY WAS DESIROUS OF KEEPING AT LEAST 25 MILLION DOLLARS IN RESERVE FOR TITLE III PROGRAM NOW BEING DEVELOPED. POPE ALSO DISCUSSED HIS FINDINGS RE PORT CONGESTION IN PORT SAID AND ALEXANDRIA.

2. ACCORDING TO MINSUPPLY RECORDS, APPROXIMATELY 50 MILLION DOLLARS REMAIN OUTSTANDING UNDER FY-1978 TITLE I PROGRAM. IT WAS CONSENSUS OF BOTH SIDES THAT BEST COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE TO REQUEST PA AT THIS TIME FOR ONLY 25 MILLION DOLLARS (ALL WHEAT), LEAVING BALANCE OF 25 MILLION DOLLARS TO PROTECT
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POSSIBLE TITLE III PROGRAM. MINSUPPLY OFFICIALS AGAIN QUERIED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL WHEAT UNDER TITLE I AND U. S. OFFICIALS AGAIN RESPONDED THAT WE ARE WAITING FOR WASHINGTON DECISION.

3. MINSUPPLY OFFICIALS AGREED TO CONTINUE PRESSING MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRUCKS NEEDED TO MOVE

TITLE I COMMODITIES OUT OF PORTS, AND WOULD PRESS
MINECONOMY TO PRODUCE TITLE III PROPOSALS ASAP.
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